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2014 Pub of the Year Finalists Named

Judging is underway in the 2014 Pub of the Year competition with a view to the winners being announced in January. A total of 22 pubs were nominated and the following are the finalists: City - Little Chester Ale House; Furnace; Bell and Castle. Country – Queen's Head, Little Eaton; Pattenmakers, Duffield; Royal Oaks at Ockbrook and Wirksworth.

National Winter Ales Festival

Have you filled in your staffing form yet? Many thanks to those who have done – you are stars. If you've been putting it off then please do it now before Christmas so that the lovely Staffing Manager, Sue Rogers, and hard-working Festival Chair, Gillian Hough (following her recent marriage to Julian Hough) can relax a bit. Currently Sue and Gillian are scratching their heads wondering how they can put up even 1 stillage between the two of them without anyone else's assistance!! Fortunately volunteers are massing and it's expected 300 will come forward to lend a hand and share their passion for a drop of the real stuff. We are on site from 2pm on Friday 14th February until Monday 24th February and even if you can only work one day you'll be made very welcome. Come and be counted.......

National Winter Ales Festival Meeting

This will be held on Wednesday, 11th December, at the Alexandra, 730pm start. For more details please contact **Gillian Hough 01332 677072** (home).

Derby CAMRA Branch Meeting, Crown and Cushion, London Road, Thursday, 5th December

December's branch meeting will be at the **Crown and Cushion**, London Road, Derby, on **Thursday**, 5th **December at 8pm**. Wheelchair access to the ground floor room is good. **Members can buy a copy of the 2014 Good Beer Guide for a bargain £10 at the meeting.**

Christmas Show Tickets Available

Make a note in your diary of **Thursday, 12th December** which is when the annual Derby CAMRA Christmas show takes to the stage at Derby's Flower Pot, starting at 8pm. The irreverent script is the creation of co-writers Tim Williams and Nick Meakin. There is a sumptuous buffet, and tickets (£7.50) are available

from Ian Forman on 01332 882996 or

secretary@derbycamra.org.uk

GBG 2015 Candidate Pubs

40 candidate pubs for GBG 2015 have been chosen from surveys submitted by CAMRA members over the last year. 25 candidates will be selected for the next GBG. This is your chance help make sure the right pubs are chosen by visiting and submitting beer quality scores for these candidates at http://whatpub.com. Volunteers are required to survey and write GBG descriptions. To volunteer, email beersurvey@derbycamra.org.uk with a list of the pubs you wish to volunteer to for. All you need apart from being able to visit a pub is: internet access, email, Adobe Reader and a printer. A list of volunteers and status will be maintained

at http://tinyurl.com/derbycamragbg. Stewart Marshall, GBG Coordinator

- 1. Abbey, Derby
- Alexandra Hotel, Derby
- . Babington Arms, Derby
- 4. Bar One, Derby
- Bell, Smalley
- 6. Bell & Castle, Derby
- 7. Bell & Harp, Little Eaton
- 8. Blue Bell Inn, Melbourne
- Brewery Tap Derby's Royal Standard, Derby
- 10. Brunswick Inn, Derby
- 11. Bull's Head, Repton
- 12. Coach & Horses, Derby
- 13. Crompton Tavern, Derby
- 14. Exeter Arms, Derby
- 15. Falstaff, Derby
- 16. Five Lamps, Derby
- 17. Flowerpot, Derby
- 18. Furnace Inn, Derby
- 19. Green Man, Willington
- 20. Greyhound, Derby
- 21. Horse & Groom, Derby
- 22. Little Chester Ale House, Derby
- 23. Malt Shovel Inn, Aston-on-Trent
- 24. Miner's Arms, Brassington
- 25. Miner's Arms, Carsington
- 26. Nelson Arms, Middleton
- 27. New Zealand Arms, Derby
- 28. Old Talbot, Hilton
- 29. Olde Dolphin Inne, Derby
- 30. Olde Gate Inne, Brassington
- 31. Pattenmakers Arms, Duffield
- 32. Peacock Inn, Derby
- 33. Queen's Head, Little Eaton
- 34. Rowditch Inn, Derby
- 35. Royal Oak, Wirksworth
- 36. Royal Oak, Ockbrook
- Smithfield, Derby
- 38. Swan Inn, Milton
- 39. Thomas Leaper, Derby
- 40. White Swan, Littleover, Derby

Mild Month Co-ordinator

A Mild Month Co-ordinator is required for May 2014. This involves approaching licensees with a view to participating in the annual campaigning event, organizing a couple of socials and collating scores received for milds drunk during May. We're keen to continue this successful campaign which has been resurrected during the last two years. Should you be interested please contact the branch Secretary, Ian Forman, secretary@derbycamra.org.uk or 01332

882996. **Beer Census Leaders**

Required We require group leaders for the annual

beer census (ABC) on Friday, 31st January. If you would like to help, please contact before Christmas, Group Captain Stead chairman@derbycamra.org.uk

CBOB Voting Commences

The regional Champion Beer of Britain 2014 voting has opened and is live now until the end of December 2013. This is the first stage in the process before entries are judged regionally and then nationally before the announcement of the winner at the Great British Beer Festival in August 2014. Click on the following link and enter your CAMRA Login details to vote for your favourite beers in all 11 style categories:

http://www.camrabreweryinfo.org.uk/cbo bvoting/login.asp

Apple Recognition for Derby Activist

National Winter Ales Festival Chairman. Gillian Hough, has been ranked in the 25th birthday honours list of Apple, the cider strand of CAMRA, which is celebrating its first quarter of a century. Well done Gill.

SPBW Spotted in Derby

Members of the Society for the Protection of Beers from the Wood were seen celebrating the 50th anniversary of SPBW in Derby last month. Their time here included a tour of Derventio brewery, together with visits to some of the area's better pubs including the Furnace and Dead Poets. SPBW was CAMRA's forerunner when it was founded in 1963. and the society shares our traditional values regarding beer. The Star Tavern, Belgravia, which has featured in every Good Beer Guide, had (has?) a SPBW mirror, a real rarity.

Photos Required for What Pub

CAMRA has a national pub site which you can review and update yourself. Visit whatpub.com and log in with either the same details you use to visit the members' area of CAMRA's national website or, if you have not visited the Members' area of CAMRA's national website before, try your CAMRA membership number and

postcode when you joined the campaign (upper case, no space). To enable Derby branch to provide a comprehensive online guide to all of its pubs, we are seeking your images of pubs from all over our area.

photos@derbycamra.org.uk

Membership Secretary

Konrad Machej, our Membership Secretary, is looking for assistance in his role, so if you fancy learning about this interesting position, please contact membership@derbycamra.org.uk

Derby Pubs Map

Derby CAMRA requires pub photos for a new Derby pub map that we are designing. If you have any current pub photos from the list below, or are able to take any, please e-mail them to

photos@derbycamra.org.uk

Bedford, Blue Jav. Bonnie Prince. Brackens, Coach & Horses, Jonty Farmer, Junction, Kensington, Kings Corner, King's Highway, Lodge (Alvaston), Maypole, Mile, New Bridge Inn, No 5, Oaklands, Peregrine, Pitcher & Piano, Smithfield, Tavern. Source: WhatPub website 21st November.

Millionth Pint Brewed by **Dancing Duck**

November saw Derby's Dancing Duck brewery brew its millionth pint; not bad for a business which has existed barely three years. Their range of beers, which includes the superb Dark Drake, can be sampled in their two tied houses, the Exeter Arms and New Zealand Arms.

Minutes of Derby CAMRA Branch Meeting at Ye Olde Spa on 14th November 2013

Apologies Konrad Machej, Les Williams. Minutes of last meeting Printed in M&B and accepted as a true record. Matters arising None. Officers' reports: Chair POTY time with voting slips at meeting. Membership no. required. City and Country pubs listed in M&B were in accordance with NBSS. Finalists to be confirmed after membership checks. Email and text votes had come in. Branch vacancies for Mild Month co-ordinator and City Charter Festival Chair (result at next committee meeting). BLOs needed for Titan and Whim. Gillian and Julian are getting married on 21st Nov. Possible minibus. Secretary Christmas Show at Flowerpot on Thurs 12th Dec 8pm. Tickets £7.50 with buffet. Treasurer Meeting to discuss DD adverts to take place. This issue pays for itself in terms of adverts. No funds can be transferred from NWAF to branch because it is a national event. GBGs available at meeting with Julian consolidating final sales soon. Ashbourne accounts had been audited and show a loss on the Derby account - Jok Arguile. NWAF Gillian spoke about the plans. Third meeting had taken place and action

points being worked on. Bateman's to be one of four brewery bars. Others are Derby Brewery, Dancing Duck and Leatherbritches. New posters for next Thursday. Derby Live taking on publicity. Russ Gilbert is deputy and is in place in case of emergencies. Bigger and more entrance points should mean no queues. Trade session to start earlier than previously. BBC TV to be there. Tee shirt sponsorship discussions taking place. City Charter Summer festival Russ spoke of audited accounts-thanks to Pete Mann. Chris Gale, Jok Arguile and Julian Tubbs. VAT issues had been a problem. Campaigning goals Pub map - subcommittee to be formed to speed this up. WhatPub - 24% of full details are up to date. Pub Preservation Officer, Tony Cooper, had been appointed. **DD** 20th Nov copy date (quick turnover needed). **GBG** Surveys Stewart Marshall spoke about the candidates for the 2015 guide. Descriptions needed – volunteers please. Beer scores also needed for final selections. **Membership** Konrad not at meeting. Some problems with Erewash postcodes with ongoing negotiations. M&B Quick deadline for next issue - copy date Weds 20th Nov. Socials Dean not at meeting. Socials published in M&B. LocAle and discount Schemes are thriving. Sub Branch Ashbourne Festival had made a loss due to the adverse weather. Sub Branch area to be increased. **Regional Meeting** 30th Nov in Newark. Information Exchange Chequers at Ticknall to go on the market. Bluebell at Melbourne discounted beer. Rose and Crown to be a franchise? Falstaff alterations have enhanced the front bar. Harrington at Thulston lease for sale? Cask and Bottle at Tutbury - new micro pub with table service. Beer festival at Tutbury institute. Chesterfield Ale House is a new micro pub. Instant Karma brewery in Clay Cross. Silk Mill to open in December (5th?). Crown and Cushion to close and be an Indian Restaurant. Station – Dave and Lynn are retiring and we will

Derby Branch Meeting Agenda

mark the occasion. John Thompson not

producing Christmas Porter this year.

AOB Amber Valley running their own

for our local beers. Gillian and Julian's

Meeting closed at 942pm.

POTY and need judges from outside their

area. CBOB vote taking place. Please vote

Wedding on 21st November. 5.30pm at the

Royal Oak at Ockbrook. Open invitation.

1. Apologies. 2. Minutes of last meeting. 3. Matters arising. 4. Officers' reports - Chair, Secretary, Treasurer. 5. Other reports - Beer Festivals, Campaigning, Derby Drinker, Good Beer Guide & Surveys, LocAle, Membership, Mild & Bitter, Pubs Officer & Pub Preservation, Publications, Regional, Sales, Socials, Sub-Branches, Tasting Panel, Transport, Website. 6. Information exchange - Pub, Brewery, etc 7. Any other business.

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Ashbourne CAMRA Minutes of the Ashbourne Sub-Branch of CAMRA Branch Meeting at The Ketch, Kniveton on 29th October 2013

Present: Mark Grist, Diane Grist, Dave Leigh, Michelle Leigh, Kevin Woolley, Hannah Barton, Gareth Butterfield, Richard Bright, Malcolm Philippe, Kim Dorrington, Barry Wright. Apologies: Pat Laughlin, Keith Palmer, David Coackley, Tony Beech, Lizzie Butterfield. Minutes of the last meeting/matters arising The Minutes had been circulated and were approved. No matters were arising. Chairman's Report The chairman welcomed the group to the venue and it was noted that, although not on tap this evening, the management have personal links with the Bumpmill Brewery and usually feature their beers at the weekend. The chairman was pleased to report to the group that some postcode areas have been allocated to us by the Derby branch committee following detailed discussions and the exercise of canvassing opinion from those in the proposed areas. It was noted that a very small response had been received by the Derby branch and, as such, it was taken that a lack of dissenting views meant that it would not be seen to be a problem to re-align the areas proposed. This has been ratified by the Derby committee, and although final approval still needs to be given by the regional director and from CAMRA HO, it can realistically be taken as read. Therefore, the chairman was able to give members details of the villages and areas now on our watch, to include Brailsford, Hulland Ward, Longford, Shirley, Hollington, Trusley, Stanton on the Hill, Dalbury Lees, Boylestone, Doveridge and Sudbury. In turn, this also provides us with a list of 11 pubs (not including any currently closed) to visit and review and which can now be regarded as eligible for our POTY competition. The revised complete list will be circulated with the minutes to all members. Secretary The secretary was unable to attend due to work commitments, but indicated that there are no essential matters to be raised for this meeting. Branch Activity A short discussion was held regarding surveys for the pubs newly added to our area and Richard Bright proposed that we get a least one minibus trip arranged to cover a few of them in the very near future. This was agreed and arrangements will be made through Pat/Keith and ACT. A discussion was also held to look at the next pub ramble. It was suggested that we try to get one organised for early December and to keep it shorter than our previous two walks. One area suggested was the Kniveton/Hognaston region, which will be looked at in some depth. Pub of the Year The format for the POTY competition was

discussed and members agreed on a single winner this year rather than a separate town and country category leading to an overall winner, but that we would also award a "Most Improved" to the pub we felt had taken the biggest steps forward in the last 12 months. Verbal nominations were given for several pubs that would fit this criteria and will be added to the official lists to be circulated at the November meeting. The proposed timetable is for nominations by the November meeting, shortlists decided by the December meeting, judging and voting throughout January and results at the January meeting. Pub Reports Gareth Butterfield addressed the meeting with details he had been passed in his work capacity for the next development stage for the Green Man, which were due to be in the local paper the next day. There will be a further development of retail units in the courtyard and a brasserie is to be added to the rear of the Young Ideas shop, but most pertinently for us, a cellar pub is proposed for the area formerly occupied by Leatherbritches Brewery. It is not yet known who will run or it or exactly what form it will be take, but this can only be viewed as a positive step to retain beerdrinking at the Green Man. The Roston Inn (The Shant) has surprisingly re-opened after a four month closure, albeit Thursday to Sunday only at present. There is apparently a covenant on the pub and two adjoining holiday cottages, which means the landlord has had to re-open. Unusual circumstances, but welcomed nonetheless. The White Hart is open once again, but remains an unattractive venue as it stands. The Horns re-launched on October 18th and initial signs are looking quite good. Any Other Business A general discussion was held regarding communication and publicising the subbranch activities. One suggestion was to get a website up and running, to complement the page we have on Derby's main site. Richard Bright volunteered to look into this. The Twitter account was mentioned as well - there has been a little bit of activity on there. The Chairman's monthly column in the local newspaper is now active and the next edition is due next week. Dates for Diary November Meeting - Tuesday 26th November - The Coach & Horses, Ashbourne. December Meeting –Tuesday 17th December – Smith's Tavern, Ashbourne. January Meeting – Tuesday 28th January – The Black Horse **AND** The Nag's Head. Hulland Ward. Meeting closed at 930pm.

Amber Valley CAMRA

No December Branch Meeting

Please note that there will be no December branch meeting.

Cider Trail Results

1 Beehive Inn 2 Hunter Arms 3 Holly Bush, Makeney 4 Black Bulls Head. It was very close with The Beehive being the Amber Valley Cider Pub of the Year, and it has been nominated for the National Cider POTY. Presentation dates are to be announced and congratulations to all concerned.

Pub of the Year

Nominations for the 2014 Amber Valley Pub of the Year may be sent up to December 31st, with each member allowed to nominate up to 5 pubs, and judging will begin on January 1st 2014, ending on February 28th. Nominations need to be sent by email to *dedpoet702@yahoo.co.uk* or by text to **07847 099940**. Please include your name and membership number.

Amber Valley CAMRA AGM

The Amber Valley CAMRA AGM will be take place on Thursday February 27th at the Hunters Arms, Kilburn, 8pm start. Applications or nominations will be welcomed for the following positions: Branch Chairman, Branch Secretary, Membership Secretary, Treasurer, Social Secretary, Pubs Officer. If you wish to apply for one of these positions, or nominate someone else, please contact Trevor Spencer at

dedpoet702@yahoo.co.uk The Branch Secretary, Membership Secretary and Pubs Officer will not be continuing in their present roles after the AGM, so applications/nominations for these posts are especially welcome.

Minutes of the Amber Valley 2014 Beer Festival Meeting, at the Pear Tree, Ripley, on 11th November 2013

The meeting commenced at 8:15 pm with 7 members in attendance, apologies having been received from Konrad Machej, Chris Rogers, David & Nora Harper, Karen Guest, Mark Little, Anne Kennedy, John & Wendy Truman and Paul Falconer. Committee: The Beer Festival Committee was organised thus: Beer Festival Organiser: Trevor Spencer. Deputy: Nigel Heathcote. Minutes Secretary: Nora Harper. Treasurer: Paul Falconer. Staffing: Phil Marshall. Entertainment: Nigel Heathcote. Site Manager: Phil Marshall. Health & Safety: Tom Fleming. Sponsorship: Trevor Spencer. Cellar team: Nigel Heathcote, Ged Swallow, Andy Horsfall. Bar Manager(s): Mick & Jane Wallis. Beer List/ Ordering: David Harper, Trevor Spencer, Nigel Heathcote & others.Programme: Trevor Spencer, Phil Marshall. Publicity: Steve Cook. Admissions: Margi Marshall. Membership: Konrad Machej. Cider bar: Chris Rogers. Tombola: David & Nora Harper. Glasses: Karen Guest. Beers: 60

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beers plus 10 on sale or return were proposed, and due to space restrictions at the venue it is unlikely that any more could be accommodated. We are still awaiting official confirmation from the Strutt Centre, whose meeting was the same night as ours, but the probability is that the arrangements previously discussed with them re the number of rooms required will be acceptable. Publicity: Mick suggested a timeline which would include information re the date and venue of the Festival being distributed at Beer Festivals and other CAMRA events, as well as the Belper Green Festival in May. **Sponsorship**: Trevor is dealing with this. Marston's and Pub People's Company will be approached shortly regarding glass sponsorship, as will Pete Hounsel, who has sponsored the t shirts for the past few years. Individual pubs and breweries will be approached nearer the Festival. Andy said the Black Bulls Head may be able to provide some sponsorship, which the Committee welcomed. Festival: Opening times: open all day on Friday and Saturday, with an entry price change at 6pm, and no one in before 6pm will be asked to leave. We have enough wristbands in stock from 2013 to use in 2014. Admission prices will be discussed later as they will be determined by entertainment cost. Beer Prices: this will be determined by ABV, with some slight adjustments for more expensive beers. As in previous years, 2014 will be a token rather than cash Festival. Entertainment: Various types of entertainment were discussed, and the budget for this was set at £2k max. Thursday will be a quiet night, unless artists are willing to perform for beer & expenses, as will Friday afternoon, while good quality entertainment will be sought for Friday and Saturday evening. Saturday afternoon - some entertainment? The layout at the Strutt Centre allows for more varied forms of entertainment, and of course the excellent transport links make it much more accessible. Catering: At Strutt's suggestion Nigel still to here from Howarths Butchers regarding the Hog Roast. Strutts have expressed a willingness to provide other catering, but we need to consider Fresh Basil, who may partner us at our Festivals, so speak to Strutts re this issue. Layout: Andy expressed concern regarding our proposed use of upstairs rooms as this may be a health and safety problem. Nigel felt that the downstairs rooms suggested as an alternative were too small. The matter will be discussed when we've heard from Strutts. Need to meet Strutts again, and possibly at regular intervals, and this will be arranged in the near future. First Aid/Security: It was decided to use the same people as in

previous Festivals as they had provided excellent cover. **AOB**: As there are areas at both the back and front of the building, Steve suggested that these could be utilized by placing seating there. This was seen as a possibility, weather permitting. **Meeting closed at 930pm.**

Pub Beer Festivals

24th – 29th December, **Old Oak**, Horsley Woodhouse.

Amber Valley Diary DECEMBER

Mon 9th – 2014 Beer Festival meeting, -Talbot Taphouse, Ripley-8pm. Sat 14th – Free Survey Trip to outskirts of Ripley. Bus leaves Ripley Market Place 7:30pm, to book contact Jane Wallis 01773 745966.

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Amber Valley Contact

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Ashbourne Diary DECEMBER

Tue 17th – BRANCH MEETING, Smith's Tavern, Ashbourne-8pm.

Ashbourne Contact

Chairman, Mark Grist m.grist2@sky.com

Derby Branch Diary

DECEMBER

Thu 5th – BRANCH MEETING, Crown and Cushion, London Road-8pm.

Wed 11th – NWAF meeting, Alexandra 730pm. Bring some nibbles for a fuddle.

Thu 12th – Christmas show-see page 1. Sat 14th – Free survey trip, Oakwood, Smalley, Morley Smithy. Depart from Cathedral Green at 630pm. Names to Dean 0770 3458623.

Thu 19th – Falstaff Christmas social, 830pm onwards. Come and roast your chestnuts on an open fire! Bring Christmas goodies with you to share. Dean will be bringing pickled eggs to see who dares.

JANUARY

Thu 9th – BRANCH MEETING, Alexandra-8pm.

For all Derby Socials contact Socials@derbycamra.org.uk

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